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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

Activity Location : Central America, Mexico and Brazil

Activity Title : Inter-American Development Bank Public
International Organization Letter Grant

Activity Number : not applicable

Funding : \$70,000


Life of Project : FY03 – FY04

IEE Prepared by : Cheryl Jennings, LAC/RSD/E

Recommended Threshold Decision : Categorical Exclusion

Bureau Threshold Decision : Concur with Recommendation

Comments: A **Categorical Exclusion** is issued for the Inter-American Development Bank, Public International Organization Letter Grant (for sustainable energy lending capacity) pursuant to 22 CFR Section 216.2 (c)(2)(i) and (iii).

 Date 5-15-03

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Initial Environmental Examination

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Title: Inter-American Development Bank
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Number: not applicable

Funding: \$70,000

FY's: 2003-2004

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Date Prepared: May 14, 2003

Recommendation: Categorical Exclusion

Background and Activity Description

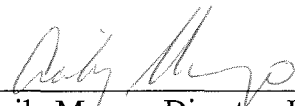
This IEE is for a grant to the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), a Public International Organization, to enhance its sustainable energy lending capacity in Latin America and the Caribbean with a special focus on Mexico and Brazil, by:

- identifying potential IADB technical assistance and operational instruments (e.g., IADB loans, ordinary capital or concessional) that may be appropriate project implementation vehicles in these areas;
- identifying potential private channels of financing that might be tapped for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, and;
- working with IADB specialists, and public and private sector stakeholders, to identify the most promising general opportunities and specific projects in these areas, e.g.:
 - working with LAC Mission specialists to identify relevant projects to fit into the energy portfolio of the Mission and/or;
 - defining promising new lines of financial support for developmental activities from a range of potential donors outside of IADB and USAID, including potentially the Multilateral Investment Fund of the IADB, if relevant, to complement the IADB's financial instruments.

Recommended Environmental Threshold Decision

The technical assistance, training and institutional strengthening activities to be implemented under each of the above areas will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, they qualify for categorical exclusion under 22 CFR 216.2(c)(2)(i) and (iii), respectively, "Education, technical assistance, or training programs except to the extent such programs include activities directly affecting the environment (such as construction of facilities, etc.);" and "Analyses, studies, academic or research workshops and meetings."

Approved:


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